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COMMUNITY

Memorial Day in Palmer: Honoring heroes

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PALMER – The town won't be holding its annual Memorial Day parade, but town officials are encouraging residents to honor veterans by decorating their homes and businesses.

Veterans' graves will also be marked with flags as they are every year, thanks to volunteers with the American Legion post 130 and Amvets post 74, who will also be holding memorial services throughout town, including a 21-gun salute and playing the bugle call Taps.

"I encourage anybody to show their patriotic spirit in honor of

those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms and our way of life," said Palmer Veterans Services director Troy Brin, whose already received various pictures on the department's Facebook page from local businesses and residents who've decorated in honor of Memorial Day.

The night prior to Memorial Day, the Town Hall building and the War Memorial at Converse Middle School, where Memorial Day events are typically held, will be lit up in gold to recognize Gold Star families, Brin said. Brin will also be placing a wreath at the War Me-

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Palmer High School parents, staff and supporters hold parade for seniors



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Volunteers of the Palmer High School Seniors parade decorating their bus.

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PALMER – To show support for Palmer High School students who've had key moments of their final year in school taken from them by the COVID-19 pandemic, members and supporters of PHS came together to help their local students.

On Saturday, May 16, high school staff members, Jay Demore of Demore's Automotive, and representatives of the Palmer Police and Fire departments, among oth-

ers, held a parade to congratulate each graduating senior of PHS.

The parade was put together by Shelley Letendre, Stacey Warren and Addie Bernard, who are all members of the Palmer United Booster Club and parents of seniors. Melissa Petrasiewicz, who is also a member of the booster club and the president of the Parent-Teacher Organization, helped as well.

"We were just trying to come up with an idea that would allow us to celebrate our PHS seniors," said Letendre. "We wanted to try to

make our seniors feel special in a time when they have lost so much." Letendre said that they toyed around with a few ideas, considering the fact that it was challenging trying to be respectful of the social distancing protocol, while making it meaningful for their seniors.

She also said that they were inspired by the initiative made by Photographer Betsy Martinez-Chacon, who in April offered to give away free 18x24 lawn signs for all PHS seniors, sponsored by BMC Photography and Chacon Trucking LLC.

In early May, they came up with the idea to deliver a sign along with balloons and a few other surprises to each PHS Senior. "Things came together quickly after that," said Letendre.

John McCarthy, owner of JP McCarthy and Sons, offered to allow parade volunteers to use a bus for these deliveries. Bus driver Cheryl Hasenjager, donated decorations for the bus and volunteered her entire Saturday to drive along. Police, fire, and ambulance em-

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Owner of Family Produce and Market opens farm stand



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

Gidget Jolly, owner of Family Produce and Market, with her sons, Carlos Rodriguez, Luis Ruiz, and Jaysen Jolly-Gamache.

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THORNDIKE – It all started with Thorndike resident Gidget Jolly's decision to move from the City of Springfield. Since then, and for over 20 years now, Jolly, who is also the owner of Family Produce and Market, has held an annual farm stand to sell the freshest vegetables and fruits she can provide to the public.

Despite the harsh conditions bestowed upon businesses by the

COVID-19 pandemic, Jolly has chosen to open her farm stand in hopes that she can still serve the public safely and at a much smaller scale.

Jolly said that usually, the farm stand is opened before Mother's Day, in case anyone is interested in purchasing flowers and hanging baskets. But because of COVID-19 and the cold weather, the opening was delayed.

There are over 42 local farms

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COMMUNITY

Monson Council of Arts hold scavenger hunt for residents

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MONSON – To give residents a family-friendly event to do on a warm Sunday afternoon, the Monson Council of Arts hosted a scavenger hunt on May 17.

The scavenger hunt required all participants to drive around Monson to take pictures of different significant sites, whether it be objects or a building. One stop included the dragon statue in front of the council's building located on 200 Main St., Monson.

Another site included Monson High School at 55 Margaret St. A major factor in choosing these sites was the decision to have this scavenger hunt support the artistic side on Monson, as well as the town itself, according to the council.

To abide by the rules of the social distancing, established due to



Submitted photo
The Monson Civil War Monument, taken by participant Sandy Courtney.

the COVID-19 pandemic, the scavenger hunt was completed through the safety of participants' cars. On the website, the council stated that social distancing in an important part of preventing the spread of COVID-19. They also stated that if any willing participants met others, to not congregate, and to wear masks

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BRIMFIELD

Memorial Day car parade Sunday

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BRIMFIELD – On Sunday, Brimfield will hold a car parade in honor of Memorial Day from noon to 2 p.m., starting at St. Christopher's church and ending at Brimfield Cemetery.

While the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies have been closed to the public, the town's Memorial Day Committee in coordination with the Board of Selectmen, Emergency Management Director and Police Chief are inviting the public to decorate their cars and participate in the car parade, according to a statement from the committee on the town's website. This will also allow people to partially view the Memorial Day ceremonies from their cars, depending on how many cars participate.

The Cemetery Service will take place but will only be available for public viewing through the community cable station and social media pages, according to the committee.

Nobody will be allowed to get out of their car during the pa-

rade. People will be able to visit locations along the parade route after they've been reopened by Town Facilities while maintaining correct physical distance, according to the town's website.

"This is a Memorial Day event, which should be held with respect to those that have fallen while fighting for our freedoms," the committee wrote. "Feel free to decorate your cars in red,

white, and blue!"

The parade will start in the parking lot of St. Christopher's church. The committee is asking people to follow the guidance of the person assisting parked vehicles in lining up for the event.

The parade will drive by several points of interest, first turning left onto Rt. 20 West then left onto Brookfield Road, going by Hitchcock Free Academy and the

Civil War Monument; left onto North Main Street, passing the north side of the Town Common; left onto Warren Road, then left onto Rt. 20 East by the Brimfield Public Library. The parade will then continue past Town Hall, the south side of the Town Common, then right onto Wales Road, ending by the Brimfield Cemetery.

"The different points of interest listed above on our parade route hold many historically important monuments and are locations that are important to the Town," the committee wrote. "During this time, or once things get back to a 'new normal' we invite you to see what they hold."

For instance, in front of Hitchcock Free Academy is a stone and plaque dedicated to HFA students who served in World War I, with stars denoting those who were killed in action, including Charles Streeter of Brimfield.

The Civil War Monument honors those who fought and died in the American Civil War and was dedicated by Captain

POLITICS

Wales Annual Town Election set for May 27th

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WALES – The Wales Annual Town Election will be held on May 27th from 12 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall. There are no contested races on the ballot.

Candidates include: John Anthony Grasso Jr., incumbent running for a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen; Beverly M. Poirier, incumbent running for a three-year term on the Board of Assessors; Daniel J. Haley, incumbent running for a three-year term on the Board of Health; Wilfred J. Anair Jr., incumbent running for a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission; Amy S. Bishop, incumbent running for a three-year term on the School Committee; Kevin J. Jegelewicz, incumbent running for a three-year term as Constable; and Kimberly P. Bready, incumbent running for a three-year term as Library Trustee.

There are no candidates running for two open seats on the Planning Board or for the second open seat on the School Committee, according to the ballot, which can be found on the Town's website.

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NURSES MONTH PROFILE:

Donna Rivist of Palmer

PALMER – I became a nurse because I wanted to help people. Throughout my 36-year career as a nurse, I have always treated my patients with kindness and compassion and as if each one of them was a family member. During the COVID-19 pandemic I was deployed from my role as a pre/post-operative surgical nurse to the Med/Surg/PuL COVID Unit at Baystate Wing Hospital. Working in the inpatient unit was something that I had not done for many years. I was brought up to always give 110% to everything I do, so I worked with the team using all my nursing skills to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our patients. I would tell every new nurse that it's important to never be afraid to ask questions and to know as a nurse you will never stop learning.

Years ago when I was a new nurse, I was mentored by Jennifer Mott an Emergency Department nurse from Baystate Mary Lane. Her kind-hearted nature and passion for her patients served as an inspiration to me and to many others as well.

I chose to spend my career as a



Donna Rivist, RN

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nurse at Baystate Wing Hospital because I've always liked the experience of working in a small community hospital and because it felt like family. I have been deeply impacted by many patients I have

cared for throughout my career. It is my privilege to care for people living in the community I know and love.



Elizabeth Daniels, owner of Alterations by Elizabeth.

Palmer Business offers alteration repairs and custom sewing

By **Jonah Snowden**
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PALMER – After recently moving from Springfield to Palmer, Elizabeth Daniels has opened a new business in town: “Alterations by Elizabeth.” Through Alterations, Daniels offers all types of alteration repairs and custom sewing.

Daniels said she has always had an interest in sewing, since taking a Home Economics class during her school days.

“After selling a piece from my college collection, I got a taste of the bug to sell, and my sewing was worth something,” said Daniels.

Regarding running Alterations, Daniels said that providing a service and owning is “very satisfying.”

“I am looking forward to working here in Palmer, offering custom fittings and sewing to the community,” said Daniels.

Alterations by Elizabeth is located on 97 Water St., Palmer. Daniels can be reached 413-799-0046. Sewing videos, prices, and more can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/Elizabeth14U/>.

Second Chance receives grant to help local pets during COVID-19 outbreak

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has received a \$10,000 grant from the Humane Society of the United States to help local pets whose owners have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Second Chance, which operates full-service veterinary hospitals in Springfield, Worcester and North Brookfield, has remained open to provide urgent, emergency and chronic veterinary care for pets during the crisis, and has seen the financial impact on their community.

“The COVID-19 outbreak has been especially difficult for the members of our community who were struggling before this crisis hit. Pets mean so much to their families, especially during times of isolation and fear, and the grant we received from the Humane Society of the United States is enabling us to keep people and their pets together during this crisis,” said

Development Director Lindsay Doray.

Recognizing that the ability to afford veterinary care was a major reason pet owners were surrendering beloved pets, the nonprofit founded their community veterinary hospital program to combat pet homelessness. Second Chance vet hospitals are open to everyone and offer subsidized rates for qualified households. “This grant will help pet owners get the care their pet needs during this difficult time” said Doray, who added that the funds will help pets with the most serious medical needs.

Hospital Director Julie Sullivan reports that Second Chance's Springfield location continues to see twice their normal case load since the crisis began. “Long-time and new clients have been so grateful we are here for their pets,” said Sullivan.

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Blood donors needed to keep supply strong

REGION – In times of need, people come together to support one another. The American Red Cross is asking for healthy individuals to step up to help patients experiencing health crises by donating blood or platelets.

As COVID-19 continues to affect everyday life, people may not be thinking about blood donation. But blood and platelets are needed daily to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. Donating blood is an easy way to care for each other and ensure hospitals have the blood products patients rely on.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, all who come to give blood or platelets May 15-31 will receive a special Red Cross “We're all in this together” T-shirt, by mail, while supplies last. Donors must have a valid email address on file to claim their T-shirt.

How to help

Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate this May by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

The Red Cross is also looking for blood drive hosts to help ensure a stable blood supply. Learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

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5/25/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/26/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/27/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/28/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/29/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/30/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

5/31/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.,
Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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Hitchcock Free Academy to host plant sale May 25th

By **Jonah Snowden**
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BRIMFIELD – The warm weather comes with the opportunity to start planting. Knowing this, Hitchcock Free Academy will be holding its annual plant sale on May 25th, offering the public a chance to select annual and perennial flowering plants and vegetable plants.

This popular plant sale began in 1984 and was established to support the Brimfield Ambulance Fund. This year, Brimfield switched to a private ambulance service, and rather than the event being cancelled, Bob Clark, who oversaw the plant sale, offered the fundraising opportunity to Hitchcock.

Hitchcock Academy's Executive Director, Cindy Skowrya was pleased with Clark's proposal and immediately began looking into the current COVID-19 guidelines, to assure that the sale would continue.

"I said great – wonderful – it's another fundraiser for us," said Skowrya. "I've (previously) attended it in as a patron in town, but it's brand-new for the academy. I can look at it as an additionally well-established fundraiser, to help Hitchcock Academy continue its mission."

Skowrya said that another reason why this plant sale serving as a fundraiser is important is that because COVID-19 caused the academy to temporarily shut down, the community center has lost revenue they had previously received through the classes they held.

At the plant sale, customers are to follow social distancing guidelines, and are also required to wear face masks for the protection of themselves and fellow shoppers. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up on the premises. Regardless of the conditions, Skowrya said "the purchasing environment outside is deemed a safer environment."

The plant sale will take place regardless of rain or shine and is slated to take for the Brimfield Common, pending interpretation of Governor Charlie Baker's four stage re-opening plan. It's scheduled to take place on Monday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the common, in the center on town, right on Route 20.

Should the Common not follow the current guidelines in terms of what's allowed, Hitchcock's alternative site is at Green Acres Antique and Flea Market Field, 66 Palmer Rd., which is one mile west of the Common.

If the sale will take place on the common, people will not have only have the chance to purchase plants, but will also give them the chance to check out the Hitchcock Free Academy's Farmer's Market, which is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hitchcock Academy parking lot on the corner of Brookfield Road and Route 20.

There, residents can come check out and select locally sourced honey, ice cream, baked goods, maple syrup, and vegetables. Vendors include Flourish Farm, Rocky Ridge Beef Farm, and more.

Since 1956, Hitchcock Free Academy's mission as a public non-profit community center has been to serve people of all ages by providing educational, recreational, and cultural programs to enrich lives through a variety of activities.

To learn more about the center, the classes that they offer, sign up for their newsletter, donate, visit <https://www.hitchcockacademy.org/>. Updates, and online games such as Hitchcock Bingo, can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/HitchcockFreeAcademy>.

By **Anita Pappas-Raposa**

I am sitting on the second floor of the library looking at old Main Street. The rather run-down buildings across the street contrast to the soft lavender and cream walls of a pretty and comfortable room where I meet David, my high school friend. He is a sorrow-laden Vietnam veteran. As I muse on those storefronts, waiting for him, I see the Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes, the old Palmer Inn Restaurant, and out of the corner of my eye, the Day and Night Diner, which my family owned many years ago. None of it looks like what I remember from childhood and none of it is as it was. It's not quaint anymore; it's dilapidated, this Main Street of a little town, and the library where we meet is like a small jewel, shiny and vibrant, that stands out against the rest of the old-fashioned landscape.

David makes his way up the stairwell, neatly and casually dressed. He is carrying the weight of regretful years, almost imperceptibly, on his shoulders. He has agreed to talk about his war time because I wrote to him last fall requesting an interview. He had read some of my "Palmer" stories published in the local Journal. He tells me he doesn't know why anyone would want to write about him and I explain simply on our first meeting: "Because I want to write about a small-town boy thrust into that particular horror and how you survived it." He argues that there are so many Vietnam "pieces"...why his story? And I reply because "I knew you and I knew our town in 1968 and while your story is universal, it is also unique and personal." He accepts this reasoning and says quietly, "But you really don't know me."

We begin an interview process that ultimately re-establishes an old friendship. We easily reminisce about mutual friends at our first meeting. The writing will not end up being a "Vietnam" story woven with intricate battle tales. Instead it will speak to how war affected this one man in a way that shaped his entire adult life and almost ended it. David survived but carries within, sharp-edged darts from the past. They threaten him every day.

He grew up knowing how to fight. He was raised by his mother and step father in the Lake Thompson community, a section of Palmer. Small cottages and homes surrounded a lake that was used recreationally for boating and swimming. While Palmer was considered the center of our small world, three villages; Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville dotted the countryside. The "Lake" was part of Palmer, yet seemed separate; I never thought of the kids growing up there as any tougher than any of the

Palmer kids, but David tells me "Oh Yeah, I ran with some tough characters and we got into a lot of fights." This surprised me because when I met him in high school I saw a very restrained and shy boy. Even as a young man, there was another side of David we did not see or know.

David was confident-looking; a blond haired, neatly dressed handsome kid, who was strongly built and walked with almost a swagger. He wore crisp, clean shirts and pressed pants every day. I remember a deep, resonant voice that was sort of unusual for a young man. His parents had raised a polite, reserved boy who never quite "showed his hand". Teenage girls thought he was "cool" and a little more mature than many of us who were silly and awkward at times. We elected him class president and, though a popular athlete and classmate, something was always held back. Academically, his strengths were math and science and he thought about an engineering school for college study. As we spoke many years later, he reminded me of his antics like getting into some trouble with city kids that were coming for him during one of our football rally events. He smiled as I drew a blank on that event..."You don't remember we had to reschedule the bonfire in the afternoon because a Holyoke gang was coming for me in Palmer?" I did not recall this event though I don't doubt it.

David headed off to college at the University of Missouri and was back within months. It was 1968 and he wanted to enlist. He wanted to go to war, he said, knowing he would end up in Vietnam. He made the rounds of recruiting offices with determination to join the Marines or the Army. By January, 1969, he was stationed in Fort Gordon, Georgia, for nine weeks. He recalls his share of brawls, but as he had in high school, impressed his officers enough that he was offered advancements that could have resulted in officer's training. But that didn't happen. He was street smart, yet a rural kid with keen instincts. David was smart and it was discernable almost immediately to anyone who studied him...even briefly. But he was a brawler. He was almost court martialed at Fort Polk, Louisiana, but wiggled out of it by paying a hefty fine. Somehow, this would become David's modus operandi; getting in very serious and dangerous situations, and finding a way out.

Vietnam was inevitable. The landscape of multiple races, social classes and cultures all converged on the battlefield. His fourteen months and ten days became the indelible imprint of his life. He would not come home the young man who left. Few young soldiers ever returned home the same. His

David's story

A Vietnam Veteran's life and past

tales of his time as a soldier are fraught with images of not really understanding the enemy, not fully acknowledging the enemy, and not being able to juxtapose the lush green countryside with fighting as a grunt. That was his job. Stationed strategically between Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; he had become the ground soldier he had envisioned. He was credited with seven "kills". He watched it all, participated in it and was mesmerized by the horror of it.

He quietly recalls an incident where he was walking to a river's edge and there, very close to him, was a Vietnamese soldier boy, also getting water for his platoon. They were both armed. But they just stared at each other, and there was peace for a moment, as each gathered his supply and turned away retreating into the landscape.

David cannot tell a story about the war without tears. It is painful for him to recount his recurring nightmare that is sometimes a day vision as well. He is lying on the ground flat on his back. An enemy soldier stands at his feet. The man is pointing a gun at his heart and David only sees him from the chest down. He is faceless. The rifle is poised to shoot him in the chest, but does not. The fear of the gun going off terrifies him. The nightmare hasn't faded over many years. It is an ever present brutal reminder of his war time.

The horror of Vietnam ended for David and he had to make another transformation after the war. He returned to Palmer and his life became a series of adventures. There was no grand welcome back; there was mocking and name calling, like "baby killer" and "murderer." He had not been those things but that was the perception as America grew to understand the injustice of the war, the rage at continued loss of young lives, the inevitability of a war that would not be won. David fondly recalls those teachers who communicated faithfully with him while he was away. Jake Toshikian, a beloved high school history teacher, wrote to him every week. Mary Fogarty, a stern brilliant school marm, welcomed him home along with his family and close friends. She referred to him as a "hero" at a high

school assembly. He told her simply, "there are no heroes". David had experienced too much to accept that distinction for himself. He muses that many who had served did not bond after the war. There existed an inexplicable separation between those who had been there; an almost acute unwillingness to share their stories and events even amongst former hometown friends.

There was another path David pursued and speaks of in low tones. It is a corner he first turned as a Lake Thompson boy. Then it was mischievous and risky. As an adult it became dangerous and illegal. He earnestly sighs and tells me "I am lucky to be alive. I decide early on that I will not explore this other life."

In the end, David finished his education and became a community college dean; transitioning veterans into meaningful lives. It was important work. Many had survived a war that shattered a generation of young idealistic kids. He married a woman he loved and navigated the inevitable struggles of a long term marriage. Today, he is proud of and connected to a son and daughter, well-loved and parents themselves.

In his own way, he is grateful to have survived all that. When we have our interview sessions, he chuckles and tells me I am naive or unknowing of his past.

I am neither. But I also see that any judgement I may pass is more forgiving than the self-torment that he feels. He sees himself as a deeply flawed individual. He blames himself for both real and imagined failures. His Vietnam past is the core of the pain he carries within.

As fifty years of adulthood give us perspective, many of us have regrets or longings for what we didn't accomplish or achieve. David has internalized these conflicts and lives with them in a visceral way. Sometimes he looks at his children and grandchildren and is content to know he made it through successfully. Sometimes, he can smile as he recounts a family story. Sometimes, there's a hint of joy on his weathered, still grieving face.

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Viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

About the “Earnings Test” and “Registering”

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: Does tax filing status matter when calculating how much you can earn without a reduction in your monthly Social Security payout? My wife and I have filed a joint income tax return for years. My wife is working and I'm 62 and wondering if I start drawing Social Security, does the earnings limit only relate to what I earn, or does it include what my wife earns as well? Is the earnings limit tied to our IRS filing status? I need to know if I should file my taxes as a single to be sure my wife's earnings are not combined with mine to affect my Social Security payment. Also, I've read that it's recommended to register online with Social Security if you're 62. As I understand it, this should be done even if one's not intending to start benefits yet. Is this true? What are the benefits for doing this? Does it make for a quicker start of payments once the election to start benefits is made? Would it help my wife should I die prior to starting my benefits? Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: Income tax filing status doesn't matter when it comes to determining if your earnings from work exceed Social Security "earnings limit." If you collect Social Security before you reach your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's earnings from working will not be counted toward your personal Social Security earnings limit. The earnings test looks only at your personal earnings and, if you exceed the limit, Social Security will take back some of your benefits. But only your personal earnings – as reported on your W-2 or Self-Employment tax return – count. If you're not working, then your Social Security benefits will not be affected by the earnings test, even if you file a joint return which has an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which is more than the annual earnings limit because your wife works.

As for your second question: it is not necessary, nor would it gain you any advantage, to "register" with Social Security before you are ready to claim your benefits. Indeed, Social Security does not even provide you with a way to do that. What they do provide is a way for you to create your own personal "My Social Security" online account, which gives you access to all of the online features provided by the Social Security Administration, including allowing you to apply for your benefits online (the fastest way to claim) whenever you're ready to do that.

Having an online Social Security account doesn't provide you with any benefit advantage, but it allows you to monitor your lifetime earnings record, get a replacement Social Security card if needed and get estimates of your current and future Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim. You can create your personal "My Social Security" account by going to www.ssa.gov/myaccount. They use a "two-factor" security process, which means you'll not only need to set up a password but also a second way to confirm your identity (usually via a code sent to a text-enabled cell phone or your email account). But, even if you have this online account pre-established, your wife will still need to contact Social Security directly to claim her survivor benefit if you pre-deceased her. Survivor benefits must be applied for by the surviving spouse directly contacting Social Security.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Broccoli, anyone?

Lots of people shy away from growing broccoli in the garden, but it really is quite easy to produce stalks that rival those you'd buy at the grocery store. I got to the task of getting my transplants in the ground this weekend. Hopefully by early July I will be freezing lots of this yummy vegetable. Read on to learn the ropes of broccoli culture.

Planning for the broccoli harvest began back in the winter when I ordered my seeds. I prefer to grow three or more varieties, each with a different maturity date, that way I don't have a bumper crop all at once. With big heads staggered over the course of a few weeks, freezing won't become overwhelming. I also like to extend the harvest, so I am sure to include varieties that produce good side shoots.

I sowed my seeds off heat in early April, and transplanted the seedlings into recycled six-packs by months' end. Over the last three weeks I have nursed them along inside on sunny window sills and outdoors when weather permitted. They are at the four-inch leaf" stage right now, the perfect size to transplant into the garden. If you are purchasing your plants from the garden center, try to select seedlings that size. Sometimes when they are bigger, and root bound, they become stunted and never develop decent heads. If you chose them from inside a greenhouse, spend a few days hardening them off prior to planting by gradually exposing them to outdoors. If possible, choose a cloudy, drizzly day for installing in the garden. Amend the soil with a shovel full of aged compost or manure for each plant along with a sprinkling of lime and granular organic fertilizer. I like planting broccoli a foot apart in staggered "wide rows;" it saves space in the garden because fewer foot paths are needed.

Since cutworms find broccoli seedlings especially appealing, circle the plant's stem at planting time with a barrier of thick paper or cardboard sunk into the soil an inch or two. The waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great, and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. Don't put this job off; sometimes cutworms can find transplants the very first night!

As the season progresses be on the lookout for the green cabbage worm; you will see the white moths first. A friend of mine had great luck capturing them with a butterfly net! I usually just remove the

few worms I find and as long as I am diligent this pest doesn't pose a huge problem.

In what seems like no time at all, heads will start to form. When they are the size of a quarter scratch in some more granular fertilizer at the base of the plant.

Make sure moisture is sufficient. Harvest when the main head is still tightly packed but before it bursts into flower. Some heads may grow eight inches or more, but others don't have the same potential. Freeze in small portions after blanching with steam or boiling water for three minutes, chilling in an ice bath and air drying.

The cross-striped cabbage-worm poses a worse problem in my garden than any other caterpillar, and usually appears mid-harvest. It is three-quarter of an inch in length and has black and yellow stripes that run along each side of its body. Foliage can be riddled with holes and buds can be eaten as well. When mature, the larvae drop from the plant to the soil and pupate in a tight cocoon enmeshed in sand. The adult moth is yellowish brown, with a wingspan of about an inch. Its forewings are marked with brown zigzags while its paler hind wings have five or six spots on them. Eggs are laid in masses on the foliage; when the weather is warm they hatch in less than a week. The cross-striped cabbageworm as well as other caterpillars that attack broccoli and its relatives can be effectively controlled using one of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) products. B.t. is a microbial insecticide that produces protein crystals toxic to some insects but is safe for all mammals, birds and fish. The directions on the package can help time your application for when it will be most effective. This year I planted all of my cruciferous vegetables under a floating row cover, light spun polyester draped over wire hoops. We'll see how it works. In years past I've used this fabric for pest control early on, but never tried it for the whole season.

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IN THE GARDEN
Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

A classic home improvement

Home improvements appear to be at an all-time high during this COVID-19 isolation and incubation time. Recent stormy weather with tornado warnings and wild winds reaped havoc. Essential stores have remained opened supplying needed items for home repairs and improvements. Sanitized shopping carts and one-way aisle arrows tell customers how and where to go.

Creative solutions revitalize the mind. Alongside repairs, weeks of home confinement are having some surprising restorative enterprises. By all appearances families and friends are tearing off original wallpaper that's "been on the walls since the house was built!" Discoveries are being made. Holes in walls hidden behind mirrors are being found and getting plastered. All ages, even the young, with magic markers in hand, are decorating rooms with new drawings and themes.

Lately, while noticing all the home improvements that are making a definite impact on each household, it reminded me of a time when a refurbishing project definitely had a downward spiral.

Enter The Hub who performed an absolutely, unmistakable spring fling.

It happened, when once upon a spring time, a toddler outgrew his crib and it was time to celebrate his growth and graduation to a "big boy's bed." A second-hand youth bed and triple dresser set was bought, and the family of four voted to paint it. They also decided to wallpaper his room's plain walls with a barn-board design and to decorate it with a new western theme.

Wallpapering done. Western décor was a work in progress.

Next, prep to paint the youth bedroom set a "Royal Colonial Blue" in the basement. Drop cloths. Gloves. Paint brushes. Paint thinner. Oil-based paint.

Being shorter than Mr. Hub's well-over-six-foot frame, The Mom swabbed the lowest spots. Soon only the side panels and the dresser top were left. Then painting the top was last.

Meanwhile the "Royal Colonial Blue" paint held its noble status while overseeing us.

"OOPS!" he gasped.
"THIS ISN'T REAL."
"STAY THERE!"... "I'll grab a cloth."
Within blinks, The Mom's shoulder length hair was officially dubbed a streaming royal blue.

Consequently, The Hubs career as a laboratory paint chemist could have ended. But, being familiar with the redeemable qualities of solvents, he was sure of a solution. Or was he?

After removing as much of the sloshed paint as possible with a towel, other remedies, even the acclaimed "hair-spray" was tried. But, all efforts failed.

Apologetically he took The Mom's hand and gently guided her upstairs.

Towel turbaned, she called the neighborhood hair-dresser.

"It's a very bad hair day. 'Got time for a haircut?'"
"Sure. What's up? Big date with The Hub?"
"No. But, you may find this hard to believe... (Giggles) Royal blue paint..." (Squeals.)
"Come right over!" (Chuckles)

Entering the salon, her hairdresser and several clients had heard about the new-blue hairdo. Everyone, including The Mom, burst into outrageous, side-holding laughter.

Although leaving the salon that afternoon with a much shorter hair style, The Mom still has fond memories, including chuckles, whenever she recalls a classic home improvement.

SIX FEET APART

By Lou Scungio
Springfield
April 14, 2020

We slowed the rise ... six feet apart.
We saved some lives ... six feet apart.
We shared our love ... six feet apart.
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Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 250 incidents from May 13 through May 18. The department made four arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear in Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to 158 incidents from May 10 through May 16. The department made three arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear in Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, May 14

Maryann Elizabeth Stasio-wski, 34, of 3129 High St. Apt. #9, Bondsville, was arrested at 10:51 p.m., on a warrant.



Courtesy Photos
The Dragon Statue, located in from of the Monson Council of Art's building, taken by participant Tamara Cabey.

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while outside and wash their hands. Also, each photograph was to be taken through of the window or show the frame of the vehicle to dictate that it was taken from inside the car, unless otherwise noted.

Raymond Possick, a new board member of the council and organizer of the scavenger hunt, said that the reason this event was put together was to let the public know the council is still active, and to connect with people while staying safe.

Possick said the first thing that he and other council members wanted to make sure

of is that it was fun. They had come up with a smaller list that was very specific, then thought some people may be new to Monson, or some people who live on one side of town might not know the other side, so they extended the number of sites.

Possick said that this decision was made to “make it fair and fun and give people something that they can do for a couple of hours.”

“We didn’t want it to be over in five minutes, but didn’t want it to be five days either,” said Possick.

Regarding the turnout, Possick said that it was extremely positive, and that he knew of a few families that participated. The council also received positive comments about the scavenger hunt, showing that it was a fun event people of different age groups could all enjoy.

“It was just an hour or two in the car, not arguing, and working together looking for something,” said Possick.

The scavenger hunt also included prizes for participants who took photos and entered. Pictures were judged by the amount of items found, order of response and creativity of the photos. Winners were as follows:

1st Place: Team Patriot Riders, Floyd Fairbanks and Pamela Fairbanks, who won a \$25 Gift Certificate. 2nd Place: Team Cabey, Tamara Cabey and Kathy Richards, who won at \$15 Gift Certificate. 3rd Place: Team Accio, Sandy Courtney and Drew Wherry, who won a \$10 Gift Certificate.

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that Jolly has worked with over the years all year-round and she has commitments with some of the growers. This is done to ensure that Jolly has enough of some of her farm stand’s best-sellers, such as native corn on cob, to sell to the public. Plainville Farms, Twenty Acre Farm and Sullivan Farm are a few of the farms whose produce is sold at the farm stand.

As of now, the farm stand is offering vegetables such as potatoes, onions, and cabbage. As the weeks go on, she is planning to sell bunches of lettuce, asparagus, strawberries and more.

Some of the items being sold also depend on what the farms provide her.

“Some days are surprises – we don’t even know what we’re coming back with,” said Jolly. “I could go up for asparagus, pickles, swiss chard, kale, and tomatoes,” but sometimes she gets more or comes across other produce to sell at the stand, she said. She also said farm stand workers who will be working the farm stand will follow sanitation protocols.

Regarding working the farm stand itself, Jolly said that this has helped her understand the importance of knowing certain factors in getting food, such as how the food is grown and how fresh it is before it is distributed. Since acquiring the skill of cooking with freshly grown food, she has passed down her wisdom and to her children Carlos Rodriguez, Luis Ruiz, Jaysen Jolly-Gamache, and Elizabeth Ruiz.

“It’s unlike anything you could imagine when you start doing it, and just seeing the whole process is just amazing,” said Jolly. “It’s something I’ve learned to appreciate more coming from the city to a rural area.”

Rodriguez, who also works at the farm stand with his mother, said that he enjoys getting to know people. He is also skilled in sign language and is willing to use it for hearing-impaired customers.

Going forward, despite running the farm stand on a smaller scale, Jolly said that she plans on putting together an outreach program through deliveries, most likely on Mondays. She also plans on seeing if she can set up the stand in downtown Palmer.

The store hours for the farm stand are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The location of the stand is 42 Commercial St. To contact Jolly for more information, call 413-272-9454.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 11 calls from May 12 to May 17.

On Tuesday, May 12, at 10:44 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Dublin Street. The department returned to service at 11:04 a.m.

On Tuesday, May 12, at 9:02 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector malfunction on Church Street. The department returned to service at 9:19 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 13, at 6:20 a.m., the department responded to carbon monoxide incident Baptist Hill Street. The department returned to service at 7:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 13, at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Old Warren Road. The department returned to service at 4:07 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 13, at 8:47 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Wright Street. The department returned to service at 9:13 p.m.

On Thursday, May 14, at 10:28 a.m., the department responded to an

alarm activation on Park Street. The department returned to service at 10:35 a.m.

On Thursday, May 14, at 6:02 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a Fluid Spill on High Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 6:40 p.m.

On Friday, May 15, at 6:48 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Fenton Road. The department returned to service at 7:15 p.m.

On Friday, May 15, at 7:48 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Old Warren Road. The department returned to service at 8:28 p.m.

On Friday, May 15, at 10:32 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Monson Turnpike Road, with mutual aid from the Ware Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:42 p.m.

On Monday, May 17, at 12:20 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Boston Road. The department returned to service at 12:40 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to no calls this week.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to no calls this week.

The Monson Fire Department responded to a total of four fire calls and 13 EMS calls for the week of May 11 to May 17.

On Wednesday, May 13, at 10:22 p.m., the department provided public assistance at 68 Butler Rd. The department returned to service at 10:53 p.m.

On Thursday, May 14, at 5:45 a.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation at 14B Main St. The department returned to service at 6:00 a.m.

On Thursday, May 14, at 8:17 p.m., the department responded to an oil spill at the intersection of Reimers Road and Stebbins Road. The department returned to service at 8:46 p.m.

On Friday, May 15, at 6:55 p.m., the department responded to 156 Fenton Rd. for the report of smoke in the area. The department returned to service at 7:22 p.m.

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Dunkin' says farewell to foam

Completes global transition to paper cups

SPRINGFIELD – Dunkin' announced that all Western Mass. restaurants have transitioned from polystyrene foam cups to paper cups, meeting the timetable established by the brand two years ago. Here in Western Mass. and across the system, foam cups have been replaced by double-walled paper cups. Dunkin' is also on track to fully transition to new, recyclable hot coffee cup lids in all of its Western Mass. restaurants by the end of the summer.

While a limited number of Dunkin' restaurants may still have foam cups in their inventory, the company's distribution centers are no longer offering foam cups, making only the new, double-walled paper cups available to Dunkin' Western Mass. franchisees for use in their restaurants.

New Cups, New Lids

The new, double-walled paper cups, made with paperboard certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Standard, are currently used to serve all Dunkin' hot beverages, including coffee, espresso drinks, tea, and hot chocolate in Western Mass. To meet guests' expecta-

tions and preferences, the cups maintain heat retention properties comparable to the prior foam cups, keeping beverages hot while keeping hands cool, without the need for a sleeve. Dunkin's transition to paper cups will remove approximately one billion foam cups from the waste stream annually.

The company is also on track to be fully transitioned to recyclable hot coffee cup lids in its Western Mass restaurants by the end of summer 2020. The new lids are made of #5 polypropylene that can be recycled in cities and towns that offer #5 recycling. This transition, along with the move to the double-walled paper cups, will remove a collective 19 million pounds of polystyrene from the waste stream annually.

By the end of 2020, all Dunkin' Keurig K-Cup pods sold in-store and on shelves at grocery stores will also be recyclable.* Made with #5 polypropylene, customers can recycle the K-Cup pods by peeling off and disposing of the lid, composting or disposing of the grounds, then recycling the remaining empty cup.

*Check locally, not recycled in all communities. Keurig and K-Cup are trademarks of Keurig Green Mountain, Inc., used with permission.

Concerns from pregnant moms allayed about giving birth

*Will I be separated from my newborn if I test positive?
Can I have a partner with me during birth?
Can I breastfeed?*

SPRINGFIELD – The current coronavirus pandemic has brought fear and uncertainty into the lives of many Americans.

As pregnant women prepare to give birth across the country and at Baystate Health, many are concerned they will be giving birth alone with no loved one by their side, while others are equally concerned about being separated from their newborns if they test positive upon admission to the hospital.

"While any patient being admitted to a Baystate hospital is being tested for COVID-19, we are seeing some mothers-to-be when they come in to deliver their babies declining to be tested," said Dr. Heather Sankey, chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baystate Medical Center.

Baystate is testing all patients admitted to the hospital to get a more accurate count of those patients who are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic carriers of the virus in the community.

The information will help caregivers to determine the safest approach for their care during

their hospital stay and when they leave the hospital.

"We are following guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the best way to care for the baby when mom tests positive. The determination of whether or not to separate a mother with known or suspected COVID-19 and her infant is a shared decision between the mother and the clinical team," she added.

"We have found that a small number of women without symptoms test positive. The results allows us to take steps to minimize the spread of the virus to others, including the baby," said Dr. Sankey.

According to the CDC, considerations in the shared decision making include:

- The clinical condition of the mother and the infant.
- Testing results of mother (confirmed vs. suspected) and infant (a positive infant test would negate the need to separate.)
- Desire to breastfeed.
- The ability to maintain separation upon discharge.

"Testing also allows for early diagnosis to prevent spread to the newborn, and to family and friends upon returning home. Knowing a mom has tested positive also gives us the opportunity to teach her how to care for baby with minimum risk at home," said

Dr. Sankey.

Consider the following guidance when returning home to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to your baby:

- Have someone in the home without COVID-19 or symptoms care for your baby.
- Mothers should minimize contact with baby as much as possible.
- When not providing care, keep baby at a distance of 6 feet or in a separate room.
- All caregivers should wash hands before any contact with baby.
- All caregivers should wear a face mask during contact with baby.

Another common question from mothers who have COVID-19 is, "Is my baby at risk for getting COVID-19?"

Dr. Sankey noted that it is generally believed that transmission does not occur in utero. However, transmission after birth can occur due to contact with infectious respiratory secretions from a cough or sneeze and is a concern because it has been associated with severe complications in some newborns.

Dr. Sankey noted mothers who test positive are also concerned about breastfeeding.

Breast milk provides protection against many illnesses and is the best source of nutrition for

most infants. In limited studies, COVID-19 has not been detected in breast milk; however it is not known for sure whether mothers with COVID-19 can spread the virus via breast milk, or whether there are protective antibodies in the milk. Even if the virus cannot be transmitted via breast milk, it may still be transmitted to the baby during close exposure, like breastfeeding, due to mothers coughing or sneezing.

"Mothers with known or suspected COVID-19 who choose to breastfeed must put on a face mask and practice hand hygiene before each feeding. If, for some reason, there is a temporary separation, we encourage moms to express their breast milk which will be fed to her baby by one of her caregivers," said Dr. Sankey.

As for mothers worried about giving birth alone, Dr. Sankey noted one partner is allowed to attend the birth and can remain with the new mom until discharge, unless she or her support person develop respiratory symptoms or a fever. The partner will be screened twice a day for signs of infection.

"We want what is best for baby and mom. Our goal is to keep baby safe in the hospital and at home upon discharge, even if mom tests positive for COVID-19," said Dr. Sankey.

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morial on Monday, which is an annual tradition.

There may be a small ceremony, but it would have to be in compliance with local Board of Health regulations in terms of physical distancing and a limited group size, but as of Wednesday morning, the decision whether or not to hold a ceremony hadn't been made yet.

TV station M-Pact will also be airing parades and ceremonies from prior years all day on Memorial Day.

Brin said it's been a challenge figuring out how to honor veterans this Memorial Day during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think definitely the feel is different because we're not able to come together and honor the service and ultimate sacrifice that people made – we're not able to join together as a community and share in unison," Brin said.

But different Veterans Services groups across the state have been sharing ideas about what different communities are doing, which Brin said has

been helpful.

"I felt like as far as for our make-up, what we've got in place is going to be the best way to make sure we still honor the service and sacrifice of those who were lost in combat," he said.

On the department's Facebook page, Brin said he's seen "a lot of good ideas" in photos people have posted, including decorating windows and doors of their homes and businesses with American flags and messages to veterans.

"It's actually been neat to watch," he said. "I'd just encourage everybody in whatever way they want to express their patriotism."

During these tough times, Brin also said he's available to help with any type of assistance veterans and their families may need, either through his email at tbrin@townofpalmer.com or through his office phone at (413) 283-2610; even though he's been working remotely, voicemails from his office phone are forwarded to his email so he can listen to messages and return calls, he said.

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Francis Lincoln on July 4th, 1866. "Captain Lincoln led the Brimfield Militia and was regarded as a great leader" who won the respect of Western Mass. militias and battalions, according to the committee. It's also one of the earliest monuments for veterans in the state and includes the names of 18 Brimfield residents who died during the war; 114 Brimfield men enlisted in the war in total.

The Town Common was the site where Brimfield Militia would perform training and drills and has two monuments, including a granite stone in the center remembering Brimfield residents who fought in the American Revolution, as well as a four-sided memorial, naming residents who fought in Vietnam, Korea and World War II.

Town Hall, which was built in 1878, has a monument in front honoring World War I veterans and contains several plaque and wall adornments inside the building, honoring Brimfield residents Army Private Charles M. Streeter who was killed in World War I and Lance Corporal Norman L. Howlett Jr., who was the only Brimfield resident killed in the Vietnam War. Also at Town Hall, the bell will be ringing throughout the parade "in honor of those members of Brimfield who passed away while fighting for our freedoms and country."

The Brimfield Public Library also contains a display in the museum room inside, with a display on Lance Corporal Howlett.

The Brimfield Cemetery contains the remains of many veterans dating back to the Revolutionary War and "has served as a beautiful resting place for our loved ones and neighbors since the earliest residents," including General Eaton, General Danielson and Major General Fitz-Henry Warren, the committee wrote.

General Eaton led the town's military to its first foreign battle victory at the Shores of Tripoli during the Barbary War; General Danielson led the Brimfield Militia and a troop of men at the Battles of Lexington and Concord; and Major General Fitz-Henry Warren served as the Commander of the Missouri State Militia.

The committee also compiled a list of known members of the community who served our Country and died while fighting a War, and who are honored on Memorial Day and every day (bolded lines denotes believed to be interred in Brimfield):

Frederick Danielson, Sr, American Revolution
Eli Danielson, American Revolution
Azariah Cooley, American Revolution
Elijah Janes, American Revolution
 Corporal Marcus H. Smith, Civil War, 27th Infantry, Mass Volunteers
Private George H. Dimick, Civil War, 27th Infantry, Mass Volunteers
 Private James Crosby, Civil War, 27th Infantry, Mass Volunteers
Private Alonzo W. Latham, Civil War, 18th Regiment, Mass Volunteers (Navy)
 Henry W. Robinson, Civil War, 27th Infantry, Mass Volunteers
 Corporal Silas Phelps, Civil War, 27th Infantry, Mass Volunteers
 Private George W. Allen, Civil War, 32nd Regiment Company C
Private William Kenney, Civil War, 34th Regt of Mass Volunteers
Private Lyman P. Parker, Civil War, 46th Regt of Mass Volunteers
Private Charles E. Alexander, Civil War, 46th Regt of Mass Volunteers
Private John Cronin, Civil War, 29th Regiment of Mass
 Private Patrick Barry, Civil War, 34th Regiment Company D
Private Henry W. King, Civil War, 2nd Regt Mass Volunteers
QM SGT George Paige, Civil War, 7th New York Cavalry
Private Rufus Parker, Civil War, 2nd Regiment Mass Volunteers
Private Edward Parker, Civil War, 21st Mass Company C
 Private Edgar F. Manning, Civil War, 34th Regiment Mass Volunteers
 Private Alexander N. Manning, Civil War, US Navy
 Private Charles M. Streeter, World War I, Army (US National Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France)
Private Stanley C. Hicks, Jr., World War 2, Army
 Private First Class Harold D. Johnston, Jr, Korea, Army (St Thomas Cemetery, Palmer, MA) **Lance Corporal Norman L. Howlett, Jr., Vietnam, Marine Corps**

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TRACK



File photo

Anna Breidenbach participates in a race during the 2018 season. She was to be the lone senior for Monson girls track this season.

Monson was returning three talented seniors

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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MONSON – The Monson High School boys and girls track team was definitely in for a rebuilding year after graduating a large number of seniors.

Coach Jonathan Harris projected just three seniors between the two teams for the spring 2020 season.

The lone girls track senior member was Anna Breidenbach.

“As the lone senior on the girls track team, I was really looking forward to seeing Anna emerge as a leader of the 2020 program,” said Harris. “She has been competing since her freshman year and always worked her hardest to improve. Things really started to come together for Anna in the sprints her junior year when she qualified for

some big meets and took every opportunity to compete at a higher level. She will also be missed by her teammates who she would take the time to help with things like the javelin when I couldn’t be there and never complained about a workout.”

On the boys team, Harris was excited to see the senior years of two seniors who have been with the program for four years.

Max Menard was not a distance runner when he first came into the sport. But he developed over time and became a team leader in the event.

“Max came in with very little running experience and worked extremely hard to improve and push his teammates to improve as well,” said Harris. “Distance running can be grueling at times and Max’s sense of humor was always greatly

appreciated by his teammates and coaches.”

Matthew Provost was also a distance runner and was one of the better two-mile runners in the league.

“His work ethic has made him a leader by example who has improved season after season,” said Harris. “Matt really emerged last year as one of the top two-milers in the league and after a very impressive cross country season, I was really looking forward to seeing what he could do in his last season.”

Both the boys and girls teams graduated a large number of very talented seniors last year.

Harris projected smaller numbers than usual.

“But the returning athletes were excited and working hard in the off season to get ready for

the 2020 campaign,” said Harris. “I felt like things were starting to click for a lot of our younger athletes at the end of 2019 and I was really looking forward to seeing them take huge steps forward this season. I expected both teams to be competitive within the league and several individuals to make an impact in the championship meets.”

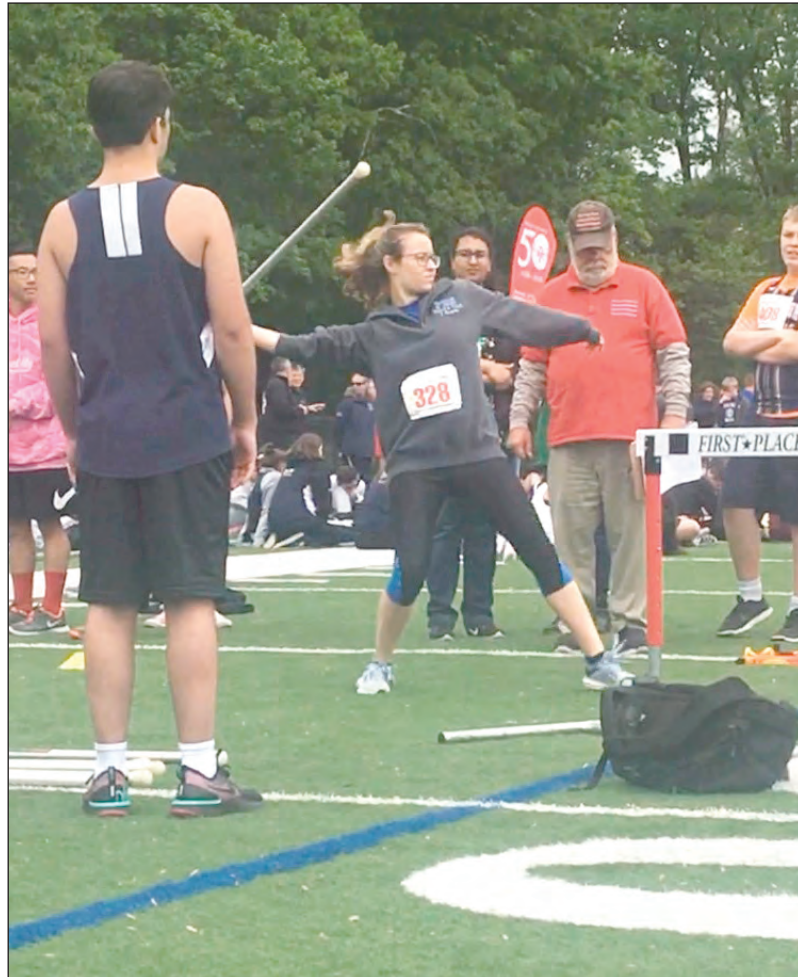
Harris said while other sports may suffer, the individuality of track and field allows athletes to continue working on their own.

“But nothing will replace the competitive environment of team practice and meets,” he said.

“One thing that does put us at a disadvantage compared to many other schools for next season is our longer break without having an indoor track team. Many of our athletes will go more than 20 months between competitions.”

PALMER

Unified track was set for another great year



Submitted photo

Among the cancelled sports this spring was the Unified track program. Coach Jenna Baruffaldi said the sport was becoming very successful at Palmer High School and it was a shame the season was cancelled this year.

“Unified sports are a fantastic outlet for students to socialize and be physically active so it is such a shame that the spring season has been cancelled,” the coach said. “I am super disappointed especially because it would’ve been the last

sports season of my high school career. That being said, I respect the decision to cancel the season in order to reduce the risk of spreading illness. Health and safety is always top priority.”

REGION

Hall to present ‘Women’s Challenge’ games

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the matchups for the Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

Local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joins the Big East Conference on July 1) will take on Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) in the opening round, and Maine (America East Conference) will faceoff with Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference). The championship and consolation game will follow on Sunday.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate the women’s game with our Women’s Challenge at Mohegan Sun, a longtime partner of the Hall and a beautiful property for fans to enjoy,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “UConn

fans have created an outstanding environment for the many matchups played here over the years and we are excited to host our three additional participating schools in a first-class event.”

The Women’s Challenge is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Tickets will be available for purchase via the Mohegan Sun box Office and Ticketmaster in September 2020. Specially discounted two-day ticket packages will start at \$25 and offer a savings of 30 percent or more (off the single day rates). Game times and television details will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed.

REGION

Guidelines updated for safe golfing in Mass.

REGION – Golf is a healthy outdoor activity that is viable and relatively low risk. It is also an outlet for people to exercise and seek some physical and mental respite from the state’s stay-at-home advisory, all while supporting economic activity and employment in the local golf industry. With vast areas of open space with fresh-cut grass, trees, streams and ponds, a golf course provides the unique ability for social distancing in a stress-free environment.

That said, there are guidelines that will be in place to protect the safety of our golf community, including players, golf course staff, and club and course officials. These changes cover everything from booking a tee time to departing the golf course, and all things between. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe while they’re playing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As golf season resumes, it is the responsibility of members and employees at all Massachusetts golf courses and facilities to strictly adhere to these guidelines that the state’s Re-Opening Advisory Board has issued to ensure that golf remains an appropriate recreational activity. Additional measures may be put into place as we adapt to the “new normal” for the foreseeable future.

“We’re excited that this first step has been made to re-open golf,” said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf’s Executive Director/CEO. “Our work isn’t done yet. We will continue to work with the Governor’s Administration to further clarify the orders and keep our members informed as the situation continues to evolve. We will base our decisions surrounding Mass Golf events on the safety and well-being of all of us.”

As a reminder, we are in score posting season and the USGA has addressed questions regarding Rules and Handicapping during the



COVID-19 era. Please click here for more information.

We understand that this year has been and will continue to be different than others. We’ll miss the celebratory high-fives and socializing in the clubhouse after your round concludes, but we will get back to that eventually. For now, let’s enjoy the game with honor and begin to show once again that Massachusetts has the most enthusiastic golf community in the country.

In order to ensure that upon re-opening that all courses will operate in a safe and effective manner, we have provided the following guidance:

Updated guidelines for golf course:

Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation.

All staff must wear face coverings while on property.

Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed.

No caddies allowed.
No golf carts allowed, except

as outlined below:

The use of a motorized cart may be permitted for any individual with a disability who is seeking a reasonable accommodation to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A golfer who wants to use a cart should provide documentation or otherwise certify in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that requires the use of the cart.

Any carts used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts. Only security and groundskeeping personnel are permitted on the premises.

Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a push cart.

All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times.

Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time.

Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course.

Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion.

Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course.

Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups.

Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play.

Online and remote payment options must be utilized.

All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn’t occur.

Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered.

Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed.

Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

“The Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) would like to thank the Re-Opening Advisory Board for their hard work and diligence during this process to resume play in Massachusetts. AMGO is continuing to work with the Governor’s Administration to identify and develop additional solutions to emerging issues in the golf industry and to keep them informed on the needs of our community. We understand that many golfers require cart usage for medical reasons or disabilities, which was originally part of our request to the Re-Opening Advisory Board on May 2. We have and will continue to request such adjustments to the guidelines as appropriate to keep everyone safe and to ensure the whole community is able to enjoy the necessary physical and mental exercise that we all need during this time.”

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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on

every team that would have been involved in this spring’s season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

Education

CAMPUS NOTES

Nascembeni of Wales makes Dean College NHS of Dance Arts

WALES – Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have been named members of The National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) Collegiate Program this semester, including:

Alicia Nascembeni of Wales, Mass.
ABOUT NHSDA

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) Collegiate Program is designed to honor the accomplishments of outstanding students studying dance. NHSDA exists to encourage exploration of dance education pedagogy, choreography, performance, research, community outreach and advocacy in the context of a broad dance program. The Dean College chapter of NHSDA launched in 2018.

INDUCTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA), a student must:

Be a student member of NDEO (National Dance Education Organization)

Achieve at least a 3.500 GPA at time of induction

Accrue 45 points in each of three major strands of the NHSDA National Collegiate Point System (in a minimum of six out of 10 total categories pertaining to Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement)

Miranda Couture of Wales graduates from the UNH

WALES – Miranda Couture of Wales graduated from the University of New Hampshire on May 16, 2020. She earned a BS degree in Business Administration: Finance.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 13,000 undergraduate and 2,500 graduate students.

WNEU students inducted into Sigma Nu Tau National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. Sharianne Walker, Dean of Western New England University's College of Business, announced that the Western New England University chapter of Sigma Nu Tau has inducted five students and one Honorary Entrepreneur into this prestigious organization.

Members of the 2020 induction class include Mass. residents Chad Birchall of Southwick; Samantha Dion of Wilbraham, Joseph Ferrera of Ludlow; Bradley Montanez of Feeding Hills, and Grace Buttrick of Nashua, N.H.

Sigma Nu Tau is a national, academic honor society for entrepreneurship majors who perform well academically, and possess the traits of honor, integrity, and a strong entrepreneurial spirit. Sigma Nu Tau's mission is to promote, recognize, and reward academic excellence in entrepreneurship and to encourage and recognize the practice of principled entrepreneurship.

This year's induction ceremony was held virtually on April 21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Dean Walker said it is important that "these deserving students, who worked hard to achieve this distinction, be celebrated, especially during these difficult times."

Assistant Professor Mary Schoonmaker and Associate Professor Joseph Gerard, faculty advisors to the Sigma Nu Tau Chapter at Western New England, congratulated the students and Honorary Entrepreneur, Paul Silva cofounder of Valley Venture Mentors. Silva is an entrepreneurial innovator in the Pioneer Valley, having founded Valley Venture Mentors, Launch 413, and serving as Executive Director for River Valley Investors. Silva has also served as facilitator and mentor for the Western Mass Innovation Jam, a startup weekend sponsored by several area colleges and funded by a PeoplesBank grant to Western New England University. In his acceptance speech, Paul explained to each of the recipients that "Now more than ever, entrepreneurship would be critical to moving our ecosystem beyond the pandemic."

Hampden County Bar Association offers two law school scholarships

The Hampden County Bar Association is now accepting applications for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship and the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship. The John F. Moriarty Scholarship is available to any Hampden County resident who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applicants must have been residents of Hampden County for at least five years. The deadline date for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship is July 15, 2020. The Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is available to any Veteran with an Honorable Discharge or a current member of the United States Military who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school in New England for the 2020-2021 year. The deadline for the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is July 15, 2020. Both scholarships are based on merit and financial need. Both applications and additional information are available by contacting the Caitlin Glenn at the Hampden County Bar Association at (413) 732-4660, caitlin@hcbar.org or online at <https://www.hcbar.org/about-us/scholarships/>

Dr. John M. Pezzuto named Dean of the WNEU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. John Pezzuto has been named Dean and Professor of Pharmaceutics of the Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Dr. Linda E. Jones, University Provost, recently made the announcement of his appointment, which will begin this summer.

"Dr. Pezzuto's credentials as a world-renowned researcher, pharmaceutical administrator, and innovative educator for more than 35 years make him an outstanding addition to the Western New England University faculty," stated Jones.

Most recently, Dr. Pezzuto served as Dean and Professor of Pharmacy of the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, New York. Previously, he served as Distinguished Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and held deanships at the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences at Purdue University; and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where he was the founding dean.

Pezzuto was the 2014 recipient of the Volwiler Research Award, the

top research award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He is an author of over 600 publications, including the first report describing the cancer preventive activity of resveratrol, a component of grapes and grape products such as red wine. This single manuscript has been cited over 5,000 times, and resveratrol is now in numerous clinical trials and the subject of over 20,000 manuscripts.

Pezzuto's H-index, a measure of scientific impact, exceeds 100. He is an inventor/co-inventor of several patents, the editor of six books, a member of over 10 editorial boards of international journals, the former editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Pharmacognosy (1990-1995), the former editor-in-chief of Combinatorial Chemistry and High Throughput Screening (1996-1997), and the current editor-in-chief of Pharmaceutical Biology.

He has served on the National Cancer Institute subcommittee on cancer epidemiology, prevention and control, and was the recipient

of a Research Career Development Award from the National Cancer Institute (1984-1989) and a Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (1990-1991). He will be transferring major grant funding to Western New England University when he joins the faculty, and continuing research to explore the health benefits of grapes.

Pezzuto earned an A.B. in Chemistry from Rutgers University, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and a D.Sc. (h.c.) from Roskilde University, Denmark. Postdoctoral work was performed at MIT.

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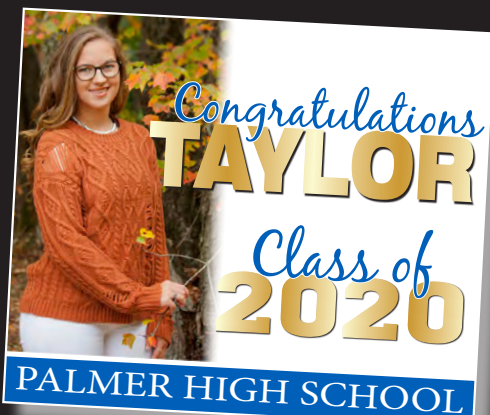


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Bolaske, Joseph E.
Died May 11, 2020
Memorial service
at a later date
Lombard Funeral Home

Brodeur, Rita B.
Died May 16, 2020
Services at a later date
Beers & Story Funeral
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Clark, John A.
Died May 15, 2020
Memorial Mass
at a later date
Beers & Story Funeral
Home

**Lech, Ruth
(Petrashewicz)**
Died May 1, 2020
Funeral Services were
private
Motyka Funeral Home

Swiatlowski, Jane H.
Died May 12, 2020
Private graveside service
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Walch, Richard C.
Died May 8, 2020
Private graveside service
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Wawrzonek, Paul H.
Died May 17, 2020
Memorial Service
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O B I T U A R I E S

Michael F. Beaulieu, 54

MONSON- Michael F. Beaulieu, 54, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Mike was born July 28, 1965 in Springfield to Francis H. and Barbara L. (Francis) Beaulieu. He was raised in Monson and was a graduate of Pathfinder Regional Technical High School. Mike was a talented carpenter and worked for H&L Builders for several years as well as on his own. For many years he and his wife lived in Maui, Hawaii. They welcomed many who would visit and some that remained forever in their home. Mike was a free spirit, with a love of being outdoors, hiking and being at the ocean. He enjoyed “Muscle” cars, especially Chevy’s.

Michael leaves his family including his parents Francis and Barbara Beaulieu of Monson; his wife of 30 years, Ginger (Baer) Beaulieu; stepson, Eric Cadieux of Monson; brother, Guy Beaulieu and his wife Sandra Crowley of Ware; sisters, Gail Beach and her husband Ken of Deland, FL, Diana Beaulieu of Charlton and Kimberly Wales of Monson; nephews, Eric J. Beaulieu of Palmer and Max I. Arnold of NH. Mike also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that were all very special to him.



A private graveside service will be held at Bethany Cemetery in Monson. Due to the social gathering restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held at a future date and location to be announced. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation in Mike’s name to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memorial Program, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences/information please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Joseph E. Bolaske, 89, 1931-2020

BROOKFIELD/WALES- Joseph E. Bolaske, 89, passed away Monday, May 11, 2020 at Harrington Hospital surrounded by love of family. Joe was born February 1, 1931 to the late Joseph and Elvia (Maki) Bolaske. He was a graduate of Springfield Trade and served in the US Navy during the Korean War from 1948-1952. Joe was a master diesel mechanic belonging to local 98 and worked abroad, as well as many years with Tyler Equipment in East Longmeadow. Joe was a member of the Wales Baptist Church, Day Spring Lodge of Masons in Monson, a Melha Shriner, serv-

ing for a time as Commander of the Legion of Honor, Wales VFW past Commander and a member of the American Legion Post 130 in Palmer.

Joseph leaves his wife of 48 years, Marilyn F. (Phillips) Bolaske; step children, Gail Jette (Joel), James Sprout (Joanne), William Sprout, Mary Boone, Kathleen Corriveau (Rusty) daughters, Antoinette Allard (Michael), JoAnn Fitzpatrick (Michael), Rosemarie Stebbins and Barbara Bolaske; many grandchildren, great



grandchildren and loving family members. Joe was predeceased by his son, Joseph Bolaske; stepson, Timothy Sprout and sister, Helen P Collick.

A private graveside service will take place at Wales #4 Cemetery at the family lot. A public Memorial Service with Military Honors will be announced.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Springfield 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104.

Rita B. “Memere” Brodeur, 96

Rita B. “Memere” Brodeur, 96, of Wilbraham, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2020 at Vero Health & Rehab of Wilbraham. Daughter of the late Joseph and Georgiana (Gagnon) Ouimet, she was born in New Bedford, MA on May 13, 1924. Rita was a wonderful homemaker also was a housekeeper at St. Thomas in Palmer, MA as well as St. Anne’s in Three Rivers. She was devout Catholic, always praying and attending Mass. Rita will be missed by all who knew her, including her loving children Richard Brodeur and wife Karen of Florida, Jeanne Moynahan

and husband Walter of Belchertown, Rene Brodeur of Palmer, Louis Brodeur and Gloria of Three Rivers, Lorraine Spelko and husband Frank of Palmer, and Raymond Brodeur and Maureen of Three Rivers; her 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and her very dear friend, Kathy Perry; as well as many extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband Rao Brodeur, her son Ronald Bro-



deur, and three siblings, Claire, Leo, and George. The family would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to the staff at Vero for their compassionate care during Rita’s stay. Services for Rita will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St, Three Rivers, MA 01080, or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

John A. Clark, 68

John A. Clark, 68, of Ware, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, May 15, 2020 in Baystate Medical Center. John was born in Palmer on June 19, 1951, son of the late John and Stephanie (Kusek) Clark. John graduated from Ware High School, where he was a standout baseball player, proudly hitting home runs over the fence into the Ware River. He retired as a cleaner from Rathbone Precision Metals Inc., Palmer, MA in 2018 after 13 years of service. During his leisure time, John enjoyed the New York Yankees (for which he was harassed by many who knew him), New England Patriots, Cape Cod trips and loved spending time on the Swift River with his wife, family and friends. John will be fondly remembered by those who knew him as “The King of the Swift River,” his love for bass fishing, deer hunting, (especially with the bow), playing cribbage and a nice ice

cold craft beer. In 2019, John bowled in a Monday night 10-pin bowling league and was so proud of his 298 game, always striving to hit that 300! John was a man that dressed accordingly; he had a matching hat for every outfit he wore. Above all, John was so proud of his children and grandchildren and all of their accomplishments - he loved spending time with them and watching them play sports. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his loving wife, best friend and soulmate of 45 years, Anne Marie/Mama Bear (Putz) Clark; his three children, Shawn Clark, wife Allyson of Ware, Heather Emery, husband Ian of Palmer and Chad Clark of Ware; his eight grandchildren, Ethan Jones, Aiden, Rhys Clark; Aliviah, Abigail, Ian Emery; Alexandra and Brayden Clark;



sister Paula Clark of Florida; as well as many extended family members and very special friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Lisa Clark. Services for John will be private and a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in John’s name to Shriners Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104, bostonchildrens.org/givenow or mail checks to the Boston Children’s Hospital payable to Boston Children’s Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215-5301, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Gift Processing, 133 Federal Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110. For more information, visit www.beersandstory.com

O B I T U A R I E S

Ruth (Petrashewicz) Lech, 95

Ruth (Petrashewicz) Lech, 95, of Thorndike, MA, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020 at Vero of Wilbraham. Born in Palmer, she was the daughter of the late William and Josephine (Kubacki) Petrashewicz. After raising her family, she worked at Fedederal Paperboard Co. in Thorndike for many years. She was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Parish, the Rosary Sodality and the Palmer Senior Center, truly enjoying the get-togethers. She loved

her family and all people. She was predeceased in 1993 by her loving husband, Henry Lech. She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Patricia Lech Ross and her husband, Joerg of Sonthofen, Germany, and her dear son, Mark Lech and his wife, Tricia of Old Towne< Maine: her brother, Richard Petrashewicz and his wife, Theresa; sisters-in-law, Lillian Petrashewicz, and Lottie Cercena; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her sister, Mary

Jambora; her brother, William Petrashewicz. Her funeral service was private, with close family members. There will be a Memorial Mass at a later date. Contributions in her memory, may be made to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080, or to the Palmer Council on Aging, 1029 Central St., Palmer, MA 01069. MOTYKA FUNERAL HOME, 2186 Main St., Three Rivers, MA handled arrangements.

Jane H. Swiatlowski, 65

THREE RIVERS - Jane H. Swiatlowski, 65, passed away at home on May 12, 2020 after battling cancer. She was born on December 8, 1954 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada to Robert and Mary (Muise) Grimshaw. She has lived in Three Rivers since 2007, and previously lived in Belchertown for 30 years. Jane was a communicant of Divine Mercy Parish. She retired in 2017, after working in food service for the Belchertown Public Schools, where she worked for over 20 years. Jane

enjoyed spending time in New Hampshire at Hampton Beach and in the White Mountains. She especially loved spending time with her two grandchildren who affectionately called her Meme. Jane is survived by her husband of 44 years, Ronald Swiatlowski of Three Rivers. She will be deeply missed by her daughter, Alyssa Goodhind and husband Kevin of Bondsville, son Chris



Swiatlowski and wife Kelly, her two precious grandchildren, Ava and Wyatt, and a sister Linda Gregoire of Canada. A private graveside service was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Donations may be made in her memory to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080. For more information visit www.beersandstory.com

Richard C. “Dick” Walch, 79

On May 7th, Richard C. “Dick” Walch, 79, of Brimfield, MA passed away peacefully with loving family by his side in the care of staff at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was born October 18th, 1940 to the late Frederick and Frances Walch (Derousie) in Oswego, NY, on a farm on the shores of Lake Ontario, the oldest of 7 children. His father passed away when he was 13, leaving him and his siblings to tend the farm until his sale in 1961. After graduating high school, Richard joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA, where he honed his mechanical skills learned on the farm and rose to the rank of A2C E-3 aircraft mechanic. He received an honorable discharge from active duty in 1962.

While actively serving, he met and married his wife Yvonne (Vermette) in 1962 and lived in Indian Orchard, MA for a short while, raising their 2 sons and first daughter there until purchasing the family home in Brimfield in 1969. They increased the family

to 5 children with the births of 2 more girls there. After leaving the service, he started his career at National Cash Register in Springfield, MA. He worked as a Service Engineer for 30 years, eventually taking an early retirement package in 1994. With his experience and skills, he started doing handyman jobs around the local area, working well into his retirement age. There wasn’t anything he couldn’t fix, and he always lent a hand to anyone who needed it. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, tinkering with equipment and projects, and social gatherings with friends and neighbors in “the garage”.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his brothers John and Jim, and father-figure Lou Ortona. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Yvonne (Vermette) Walch and his 5 children; Fred Walch of Three Rivers, MA, Rich Walch and wife Lisa of Palmer, MA, Lorene Skaza of Ludlow, MA, Dar-



lene Wood and husband Jeff of E. Brookfield, MA, and Susan Walch and partner Steve of Wales, MA. He also leaves behind 9 cherished grandchildren of which he was so proud; Ryan, Ashley, Cameron, Delaney, Susan, Peter, Elizabeth, Alicia and Mason, in addition to his brother Michael, sisters Rita, Marion and Barbara, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

There will be a private graveside service at Brimfield Cemetery. Beers & Story Funeral Home have been entrusted with arrangements. A Celebration of Life gathering will also be held at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to some of the many charities he humbly supported, including St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301. Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Paul H. Wawrzonek, 77

Paul H. Wawrzonek (77) passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 17. Born in 1942 he was the son of the late Henry and Bernice (Mega) Wawrzonek, he lived most of his life in the Bondsville section of Palmer before moving to Belchertown several years ago. He graduated from Palmer High School in 1960 and went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Western New England College in 1965. He worked as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford for 28 years in the Applied Mechanics Group until retiring in 1993. He then went on to work for the United Technologies Research Center, also in East Hartford, until retiring again in 1998 and then worked at Test Devices in Hudson, MA until finally retiring for good in 2018. In his career he was granted 4 patents.

Paul loved to ski, especially

at Stratton Mountain in Vermont where he was a season pass holder for the past 50 years, and also at Butternut. He also enjoyed hiking and relic hunting with his metal detectors, target shooting at the Orange Gun Club who named him Member of the Year in 2018 for his work improving and keeping up the grounds, feeding the squirrels and other critters in his back yard, maintaining the sprinkler system and keeping the golf cart running better than new at the condo complex where he lived, listening to Car Talk on the radio and watching the Bruins, Red Sox, New York Giants and NASCAR on TV. His special talent was being able to fix anything that was broken.

He is survived by his wife of over 36 years Peggy (Voisine)



of Belchertown, MA, 2 sons Doug Zabawa and his wife Denise of Bristol, CT and Mike Zabawa of Bondsville, MA and 3 grandsons Elijah, Billy & Tommy.

Memorial donations may be made to Baystate Health Foundation, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01107 or online. Please direct to Baystate Home Health - Hospice, who allowed Paul to spend his final days comfortable at home with his family.

A memorial service will be held at the Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers, MA when the COVID 19 pandemic is over. The family will make an announcement at that time. Final arrangements are being handled by Beers & Story in Palmer, MA. For more information visit www.beersandstory.com

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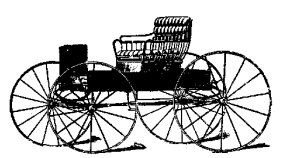
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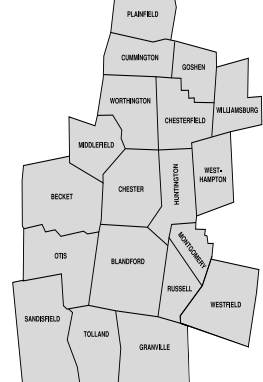
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PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Sharon & Donald Martel of 44 French Drive in Palmer, MA 01069.

The applicant is a determination to see if the work associated with the removal of seven (7) trees is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

The location of the proposed project is 44 French Drive in Palmer and is also known as: Map 68-63.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission

5/21/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with construction of a single family home. The work is proposed within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), and the locally protected 50-foot vegetated buffer strip to BVW.

The project site is located at 319 River Street in Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 30 Lot 72.

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5/21/2020

2020 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF PALMER ANNUAL MEETING THREE RIVERS FIRE DISTRICT
Submitted to the voters of the Three Rivers Fire District at the Meeting to be held in the Fire Station on **June 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

To the voters of Three Rivers Fire District

of the Town of Palmer:

Your Prudential Committee respectfully submits the following articles as recommended by the Finance Committee for your approval of the operations of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020

Chairman Ex Officio

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To submit reports of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Fire Chief, Water Superintendent, and Special Committees and act on the same.

Article 3. To see whether the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the salaries of its officers and members of the Fire Department for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020 or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$184,000.00) be raised and appropriated under this Article.

Article 4. To see whether the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the salaries and expenses of the Fire District for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of Two Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$242,000.00) be raised and appropriated under this Article.

Article 5. To see whether the District will vote to authorize the Water Department to defray its expenses, through the use of its water receipts and revenues, for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Water Department be empowered to use its revenue and receipts to defray the expenses of Four Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$426,500.00).

Article 6. To see whether the District will vote to transfer any sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2021 tax levy, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends indefinite postponement of this Article.

Article 7. To see whether the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Reserve Fund, or transfer any sum of money from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund, or take other any action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) be raised and appropriated under this Article.

Article 8. To see whether the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase new Fire Department equipment, repair and or replace any parts of the present equipment or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) be raised and appropriated under this Article.

Article 9. To see whether the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money to be added to the Stabilization Account for Capital Expenditures in the Fire Department or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be raised and appropriated under this article.

Article 10. To see whether the District will vote to transfer any sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to the Stabilization Account for Capital Improvements in the Water Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) be transferred from Water Surplus to the Stabilization Account for Capital Improvements in the Water Department under this Article.

Article 11. To see whether the District will vote to

authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020 in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than (1) one year, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this Article.

Article 12. To see whether the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money as permitted by law, to meet any appropriations or expenses incurred under any articles of this Warrant or take any actions thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this Article.

Article 13. To choose committees and give them instructions.

With no further business, do I hear a motion to dissolve this warrant?

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in said District, twenty (20) days at least before the holding of said meeting, and publishing one not less than seven days preceding the date of the meeting in a newspaper published in Palmer.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Prudential

Committee of the District at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under this hand and seal May 2020

Prudential Committee:
True Copy Attest by Official Seal

Norman Czech, Chairman
Stephen R. Chiachia, Vice Chairman
Richard M. Pobieglo, Clerk

5/21/2020

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5/21/2020

TOWN OF PALMER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 A, Section 6 M.G.L., the Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5:00PM** at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, David Winot, is requesting a Finding \$171.83J of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance. The finding request is for the construction of a 12x17 wooden sunroom and a 12x12 wooden deck, replacing an enclosed porch and wooden deck. The property is located at 14 Paul Street, Bondsville, MA 01009.

This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 28, Lot 7.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Administrative Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Dennis Fountain, Chairman
Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals

5/14, 5/21/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 6 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2020 7:30PM** in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, John Girard, is seeking a Finding under section 171.83K for the alteration of a pre-existing non-conforming structure or use other than a one-family or two-family dwelling at the property 21-29 Randall Street. The applicant proposes to install a secondary access hatchway within 11' of the southern property side-line.

This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 61, Lot 45.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/

planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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Michael Marciniac
Chairman

5/21, 5/28/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Peter Cavicchi c/o MassDOT of 811 North King Street in Northampton, MA.

The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with emergency repairs to the Mongo Pond dam to avoid additional damage to the I-90 access ramp roadway embankment. The work is proposed within Bank, Land Under Water, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands associated with Dimplin Brook.

The project site is located at 250 Shearer Street and 358 Shearer Street in Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 12 Lot 32 & Map 13-68.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission

5/21/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L., the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Mint Cultivation Facilities, LLC, is seeking a Special Permit, Site Plan Approval and a Finding as required by sections 171.28 - Special Permit, 171.69 - Water Supply Protection District, 171.67- Industrial A District, 171.29 - Site Plan Approval, 171-124 - Marijuana Establishments, and 171.83 - Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming Uses, Structures, Lots and for the operation of a marijuana cultivation and manufacturing facility at the property located at 25 Ware Street, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 73, Lot 57.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

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Michael Marciniac
Chairman

5/21, 5/28/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Tata & Howard, Inc. c/o David LaVallie of the Bondsville Fire & Water District of 3174 Main Street in Bondsville, MA.

The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the installation of a new water main and pressure reducing valve along Sykes Street and Fuller Road.

The work is proposed within the Riverfront Area to the Ware River, within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to wetlands, and within and the locally protected 50-foot vegetated buffer strip to wetlands.

The project site is located at Palmer Street in Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 24 Lot N/A.

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Donald Blais, Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission

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Thorndike Fire and Water Notice of Annual Meeting

Thorndike Fire and Water **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **JUNE 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at 4064 Church St. Thorndike, MA. There will be 2 positions available; Commissioner and district clerk. Nomination papers are at the office or you can call 413-283-1300 or email thorndikewater@gmail.com

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday May 28, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. REMOTELY**, on the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for a Variance from the requirements of Section 6.14.2.9 Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks relief from the setback requirements of 500 feet from lot lines in residential districts for the proposed 100' monopole style wireless communications tower. The proposed location is 94 Cote Rd, Monson, MA, Map 052, Parcel 028, owned by Ronald P. Ouimet & Amy S. Ouimet, in the Rural

Residential district.

The public may join the meeting remotely by using Zoom and following the participation instructions as posted on the meeting agenda on the town website at:

www.monson-ma.gov/zoning-board-appeals or call the office at 413-267-4111 for participation information.

David Beaudoin Chairman

5/14, 5/21/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. c/o CSX Transportation, Inc. of 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The applicant is requesting confirmation of wetland boundaries along the railroad Right-of-Way mainline in Palmer in order to avoid wetland impacts during vegetation management under the railroad's Vegetation Management Plan. No work is proposed within 10-feet of wetland resource areas.

The location of the proposed project is CSX Right-of-Way and is also known as: Map ROW.

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Betsy Martinez-Chacon owner of BMC Photography, with the 18x24 lawn signs she made for the graduating seniors of Palmer High School.



Palmer High School's Panther participating in the parade.



Palmer High School Senior Hector Pagan-Davila.

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employees offered to join on part of the route as well.

A few local businesses played a part in putting this parade together through sponsorship. Letendre said Big Y in Palmer donated approximately 500 balloons, Domino's Pizza in Palmer donated a gift card for a large 1 topping pizza for each senior, and BMC Photography and Chacon Trucking LLC also donated a 4 x 10 banner to decorate the bus with. The Demore family and Demore's Automotive also paid for an additional banner to decorate the bus.

Sarah Greentree of Bookah Butt Cookies also gave one of their specialty cookies for free to each senior and gave volunteers a discount. School transportation coordinator Drew Damien helped create the route that volunteers traveled on.

"We don't want these kids to forget that graduation is a big deal and just because it isn't going according to plan does not mean it can't be memorable," said Letendre.

At 9 a.m., volunteers arrived at the parking lot on Thorndike Street to decorate and load up the bus with gifts and began the parade at 10 a.m. It was scheduled to last about eight and a half hours but ended an hour early after the route was rearranged and covered Palmer, Thorndike, Three Rivers, Bondsville, and Ware.

PHS Principal Susan North said that the entirety of this outreach event was special because of how the involvement with different members of the community came together to lend a helping hand.

"It's an amazing feeling, how the community came together for the seniors," said North. "They have worked so hard for their education, and this is a real tough time for everyone, but the spirit that the community has to support the kids is just incredible."

Senior Isabella Rosati, one of the recipients, said that this parade was very appreciated, since that they couldn't get a normal senior year.

"It was something they didn't have to do but went out of their way to do," said North.



Volunteers of the Palmer High School's Seniors Parade take a group photo before heading out. (left to right) Bernie Fontaine, Bonnie Rathbone, Brittany North, Paula Chapin, Trinity Demore, Michelle Demore, Shelley Letendre, Cheryl Hasenjager, Stacey Warren, Jolene Mastalerz, Rachel Pardo, Melissa Petraszewicz, Susan North and Kelly Simpkins.



Palmer High School Principal Susan North.



Palmer High School Senior Charles Howell.



Palmer High School Senior Isabella Rosati.



Palmer High School Senior Alex Gladekowski.

Alex Gladekowski, another senior, was also happy to see members of the community show their support. "It's good to see, because a lot of people, especially around my age are taking the biggest loss," said Gladekowski.

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